



Bay County Golf Course Adds Mobility Cart

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An impairment need not keep Bay County residents or visitors from their golf game. A new mobility cart has been added to the amenities available at the Bay County Golf Course. It is designed to allow anyone who cannot walk or may be severely limited in their ability to move to continue to

play golf. The chair of the cart swivels in both directions for putting and driving and holds two large sets of golf bags. The cart is electric and designed to drive anywhere on the golf course, including greens, if they are not too wet.

Bay County golf course employees learned how to use the mobility cart at a training session in July. Jeff Coupie from Sports Unlimited, Inc. and Mike Gray, ADA Coordinator and Administrative Services Director for Bay County led the training program. All golf course staff agreed it was a great addition for golfers who may be unable to use traditional golf carts.

Tim Watkins, Superintendent of Greens, says, "Anyone can reserve the mobility cart with a credit card or use it on a first come, first served basis depending on availability. Just contact the Bay County Golf Course at 892-2161".

A policy was developed by the ADA Coordinator and the Recreation Department staff entitled, 'ADA Golf Cart Policy and Procedures'. The policy includes eligibility, cart reservations, rental fees, liability, usage on tees & greens along with weather and training instructions. Copies of the policy are available from the Golf Course staff or the ADA Coordinator/Administrative Services Director.

If you know someone who loves golf but is impaired in their ability to walk due to heart, walking, or other problems, please let them know they can stay in the game at the Bay County Golf Course, 584 W. Hampton Rd., Essexville, MI 48732.



